

SLIP INTO A CLEAN MARINA



Raising the Standard

There are approximately 1000 marinas and over 600,000 boaters who share the natural and economic benefits of Virginia's waterways. Each boat and marina poses a potential threat to water quality in our waterways from **nonpoint** source pollution.

The **Virginia Clean Marina Program** is a voluntary initiative which supports marinas that take extra steps to protect our water quality. More and more boaters are becoming involved. By taking a few steps of your own,

YOU CAN HELP!

For more information contact your marina operator or the Virginia Clean Marina Program at (804) 684-7768.

www.deq.state.va.us/vacleanmarina

www.vims.edu/adv/vamarina/index.html



BOATING TIPS

You too can help protect the quality of Virginia's waterways by **taking a few basic precautions.**

Contain Trash. Do not dispose of trash overboard, including cigarette butts. Retrieve it when possible. Pack in reusable containers.

Recycle. Recycle antifreeze, oil, batteries, flares, cans, glass, plastic and paper.

Fuel Cautiously. Fill your tank to 90% before leaving on a trip. Fill portable tanks ashore. Use absorbent pads or rags to catch and absorb spill over.

Control Oil. Keep engine well tuned to avoid-leaks. Use oil absorbent material in bilge and under engine. Never discharge bilge water with a sheen. It is illegal.

Clean Gently. Use detergents sparingly and use phosphate-free, bio-degradable and non-toxic cleaners, when possible.

Maintain Your Vessel Wisely. Dispose of paint chips, dust and residue in regular trash. Dispose of solvents and waste gas at local hazardous waste collection sites.

Use Pumpouts. Never discharge raw sewage into the water. Use Coast Guard approved Marine Sanitation Devices. Use pumpouts regularly.

Dispose of Fish Waste Properly. Do not throw into marina waters, discard in deep water or trash.

Protect Sensitive Habitat. Proceed slowly in shallow waters to prevent damage to underwater grasses and wildlife. Control your wake to help prevent erosion.

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